

Camp Bucks County 20th Aug 1777
my dear friend

I received yours of the 7th instant, and
am much diverted at the ridiculous exhibition
of the money matters on the part of a ^{large} appearance
of the enemy in the Bay. poor devils they
are very like to the hardened sinner who
never thinks of death untill he seizes him,
then all horror and confusion.

I am shock'd at your apprehension
of the want of patriotism, and am willing
to believe the warmth of my friends Ideas
has led him to draw conclusions, when a
dispassionate survey would not warrant.

My God is it possible that the people
who two years ago were the foremost in
the noble cause of liberty should now
shrink from the appearance of an enemy
— after having suffered and braved danger
in a manner that would have given additional
splendor to a sonnen. to me you think
him an enemy who in many points of
view is a scoundrel — his too much —

I am also surprised and shocked at

at the Jupines given by the New England states on
the untoward situation of our affairs at the northward.

The people in the further states, call a body
at their non-exactions at a time when they are so much
wanted. I know the officers in that Department
has been the objection, but that is removed. Bragg,
Fremont opens wide the door for his destruction, and
it will be an eternal disgrace to the New England
Confederacy if it is not accomplished.

What avails idle excuses at this time
such as "my business will not permit me to go" — "my
wife expects to be in" — "I have a very good
bargain" — those people who make them are responsible
for Slavery and I have hope to have in my
power to put them in to some misfortune
the friends of the public — matches who refuse
to cast aside expose themselves a little, that they &
their posterity may enjoy all the felicities of
~~of~~ ^{of} liberty — I maintain it, that America
is not safe until the delegates of the people
have power to ~~exercise~~ coerce the bay.
A stroke of ^{RW4TB(1)} decent and rehabeting — at times of such
immense danger, all the people ought as we
man turn out and save themselves from Slavery
the time will come or the most turbulent
to be made the tools of an insidious enemy

It is reported that Mr. Howe has gone to South Carolina where I have been induced to believe except
you know more of him at the time upon that
leaving this than I do. I am afraid the fever
of the city of Philadelphia has led us into a mis-
take in shewing how this is — I believe there
have been sufficient and more vigorous measures
taken place in the room — The General has
repeatedly written to the State respecting your
Regiments & if they were not sent them
it shews the weakness of the Government
— indeed it has been my opinion for a long
time that the representation themselves by so
narrowing their own power, has communicated
their doubts to their confidants — who have opposed
to obey the importunate of a resolve — had
a contrary conduct been resolved upon all the
Regiments would have been committed by
this time — I remain heartily
Your very affectionate friend
Wm. —

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